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REMARKS

The Office is requiring that Applicants elect a species for purposes of initial prosecution.

Applicants elect with traverse the affinity handles ("hooks") comprising single stranded regions of nucleic acids.

The Office also requires election of a *separation process*, then applicants elect with traverse single stranded regions of nucleic acids separated by a process comprising chromatography.

The Office also requires election of a *method for introducing handles*, then applicants elect with traverse denaturation.

Regarding claims 1-25, they are confirmed to be as they were published officially. The omnibus claim 25 is herein cancelled without prejudice.

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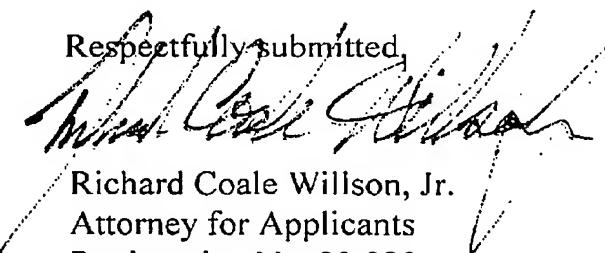
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The Examiner is especially invited to indicate some allowable matter and to telephone Applicants' Attorney if that would expedite prosecution and disposal of this Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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